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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Lake Arrowhead – Lake Arrowhead Student, 16, Accused of Threatening to Kill Teacher

(U) A 16-year-old student was arrested yesterday for allegedly threatening to kill a high school teacher in Lake Arrowhead. San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies responded to Rim of the World High School shortly before 8:30 a.m. Sheriff's officials said staff members had already detained the student prior to deputies' arrival. No weapons were found in his possession, but investigators found a 12-gauge shotgun with ammunition in his bedroom during a search of his Crestline home. The serial numbers were altered on the shotgun, leading deputies to believe the weapon may be stolen.

SOURCE: 22 May 2018, [ABC 7](#)

(U) West Covina – Rookie K-9 Finds 60 Pounds of Meth in First Drug Bust

(U) A rookie K-9 officer has already made a big impression on his new department after finding nearly 60 pounds of meth in a suspect's car. West Covina Police say a 2010 Nissan was pulled over for a driving violation when they allegedly found methamphetamine on the driver's seat. Officers called in the K-9 for a more thorough search and it discovered two hidden compartments where the rest of the drugs were stored. The 60 pounds of meth were hidden in spaces under the driver's seat and front passenger's seat. Officers arrested 28-year-old Pedro Lopez and charged him with possessing and transporting narcotics.

SOURCE: 22 May 2018, [CBS Sacramento](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado – Multiple Agencies Bust Illegal Grow Operation in El Paso County

(U) Ellicott – Multiple agencies conducted a major marijuana bust operation south of Ellicott yesterday. Authorities say eight separate residences were busted for illegal marijuana grows. Approximately 800 plants were seized. In one home, hundreds of marijuana plants in various stages of life were taken by authorities. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Colorado Springs Police Department, and DEA worked together to bust the grows. Authorities said this has been a months-long investigation targeting Cuban smuggling cartels.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [KOAA News 5](#)

(U) Massachusetts – MS-13 Gang Member Nicknamed 'Animal' Sentenced to 40 Years

(U) Boston – An MS-13 member who goes by the gang name "Animal" received a 40-year prison sentence this week for a conspiracy that included the murder of a 15-year-old boy, according to the US attorney's office. Joel Martinez, 23, admitted he murdered the 15-year-old as part of his initiation as a "homeboy" in Mara Salvatrucha, the gang's full name. "Culero" is a derogatory term MS-13 members use for a rival gang. Killing a rival gang member was a requirement for achieving full status in MS-13 in Massachusetts, according to the FBI.

SOURCE: 22 May 2018, [Washington Times](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) China – US Issues Alert After Employee in China Reports ‘Abnormal’ Sound Sensations**

(U) Guangzhou – US officials have issued a health alert in China after a US government employee stationed there reported “abnormal sensations of sound and pressure” that indicated a mild brain injury. The US State Department is looking into whether the incident is a “sonic attack,” according to a US diplomatic official, similar to what happened in Cuba in 2016 and 2017, which led to a reduction in staffing at the nation’s US embassy in Havana. The US Embassy in Beijing learned on 18 May that the clinical findings of the evaluation matched that of a mild traumatic brain injury.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [CNN](#)

(U) Ukraine – Cyber Firms Warn on Suspected Russian Plan to Attack Ukraine

(U) Kiev – Cisco Systems Inc. warned that hackers have infected at least 500,000 routers and storage devices in dozens of countries with highly sophisticated malicious software, possibly in preparation for another massive cyber-attack on Ukraine. Cisco’s Talos cyber intelligence unit said it has high confidence that the Russian government is behind the campaign, dubbed VPNFilter, because the hacking software shares code with malware used in previous cyber-attacks that the US government has attributed to Moscow. Cisco said the malware could be used for espionage, to interfere with internet communications or launch destructive attacks.

SOURCE: 23 May 2018, [Reuters](#)

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